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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (NFP) PROGRAM

On June 26, 2003, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky allocating an additional \$400,000 in CalWORKs Performance Incentive funds for FY 2002-03 for the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program for a total of \$1.3 million. The Board also requested the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), the New Directions Task Force and the Community Planning Group to prioritize funding for this program when the Long Term Family Self-Sufficiency (LTFSS) funding plan was reviewed in January 2003, and that no additional families be enrolled in the program until alternate funding is identified. The Board subsequently approved an additional \$500,000 in LTFSS funding for the NFP Program on March 4, 2003.

This is the sixth report on the implementation of this motion. Since the last report sent on April 7, 2003, the following actions have taken place:

The program has ceased enrollment of new clients under this funding stream, but continues to provide services to slightly over 200 LTFSS families who were previously enrolled.

Staff who were funded by LTFSS have been moved to positions covered by other funding streams (i.e., Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health [MCAH] and the First 5 L.A.), or their positions were not refilled after they left program services.

The Department, in collaboration with California Hospital and Medical Center (CHMC), developed a proposal for funding to UniHealth Foundation, to maintain NFP services at that site. The Proposal is due August 27, 2003, and if approved, funding would be made available in January 2004, for four Public Health Nurses at CHMC.

NFP Administrative staff continue to work with Dr. David Olds to explore federal, State, and other sources to establish a sustainable funding source.

The NFP time study is being analyzed to compare the benefits of using Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAA) funding as an alternate to MCAH Medicaid funding to determine if we can increase federal funds for this program.

Extending the NFP Home Visitation contract funded by the First 5 L.A. was discussed. This contract will terminate at the end of October 2003. NFP has the potential to provide key services or linkages within several of the First 5 L.A. initiatives e.g., Child Abuse Prevention and Healthy Births. This would sustain six Public Health Nurses (PHNs) through this funding stream.

The Department will continue to seek alternate funding sources and provide you with another update by June 28, 2003. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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